

## HOME TALK

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.**

## COTTON MOVEMENTS.

We have received from Mr. H. G. Hester, the secretary of the National Cotton Exchange, a copy of his report of the cotton movement in the United States for seven months ending March 31, from which we take the following:

The port receipts for the month of March, as will be seen, have not kept pace with the same period last year, but show a falling off of 43,928 bales, making the excess for the seven months 200,755 bales compared with 1878.

The deficit at the Gulf ports has been still further increased, the total comparative movement to March 31 showing as follows:

	1879.	1878.
Receipts at Gulf ports—	2,005,671	2,002,116
Receipts at Atlantic ports—	2,115,225	1,828,025

Total—4,120,806 3,920,141

It is noticeable that this is the first season since 1874-5 in which the movement to the Atlantic seaboard, up to the close of March, has exceeded that to the gulf ports, a fact which is mainly due to the extraordinary shipments overland, nearly all of which are or

THE FOREIGN EXPORTS,  
for the past seven months compared with the previous three years and total crops as follows:

Total exports.	Sept. 1 to March 31.	Total crops.
\$75,612	2,530,329	4,620,342

576-7	2,666,332	4,682,313
576-8	2,415,644	4,474,069
577-8	2,661,003	4,773,865
578-9	2,912,006	

THE SUPPLY THIS SEASON  
(exclusive of stock at interior towns)  
compares with last year as follows :

	1878-79.	1877-78.
Stock September 1—	45,287	157,302

Receipts since Sep-	120,806	3,920,141
tember 1—		
Shipments overland		
to mills and to		
Canada.—	356,380	197,591
Transit overland to		
ports and stock at		
Cincinnati March		

31	18,016	32,626
Total	4,540,579	4,277,750
Excess in supply this year	262,829 bales.	
Deficit in stock March 31, 1879	71,400	
Total	334,289	

This has been distributed as follows:  
 Excess in shipments to Great

Britain	84,340
Excess in shipments to continental ports	235,603
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Excess deficit in shipments to channel ports	51,876
Excess deficit in shipments to France	47,064

	98,940
Net excess in exports	251,003
Excess in total takings of Nor'n	
Islands direct and other	97,182
Excess in amount at sea in transit	
between ports March 31	1,714
	348,899

ss deficit in am't in transit overland to ports and stock at Cincinnati March 31	14,610
Total distribution of excess	334,289
RECAPITULATION.	
Receipts at U. S. ports from September 1, to	

close of March,	4,120,896	3,920,141
Shipments overland		
direct to mills,	345,742	195,962
Shipped to Canada,	10,838	1,629
transit from points		
of crossing on Ohio		
and Mississippi riv-		
ers to Eastern deliv-		
ery point, close of		

ry port, close of	18,016	32,626
March,		
Total,	4,495,292	4,150,358

**Fifteen Thousand Dollars Damages.**

cial to the News.

JACKSON, N. C. April 10.

THE trade and general business depression in England is reported to sur-

is anything we have had in this country. Food importations are increasing, and manufacturing is falling away.

standing. The New York papers, however, state that the quantity of ice in the hands of speculators will keep prices at reasonable figures.

I believe,  
Because my brother said—  
That since the fowls are fed,  
Who sow not, neither reap;  
And since when lilies sleep  
Without sowing, neither reap.

And toil not, neither spin,  
They wake apparelled in  
Far finer robes than kings',  
It must be each day brings  
From God, who takes such heed,  
All which his children need.

**Coming Events.**

on will be heard on the summer air.

the buzzy-buzz of the musquitæ,  
the sweet sad song of the solemn crow,  
the cry of the urchin who stabs histœ,  
the pic-nic season, with linen pants,  
and the butter alive with big black  
ants,  
the rich ripe fruit, and the grasses  
green,

**Military.** The Goldsboro Rifles, together with Kinston, Washington and Beaufort military companies, have been invited to participate with the Newbern military companies, in honoring the Confederates May 10th, in that city.

**Masonic.**  
An exchange gives the following interesting statistics of Masonry, being number of lodges in existence at the 1 of 1878: In Germany there were 4 lodges; in Switzerland, 33; Hun- v. 44; Roumania, 11; Servia, 1;

gland and Wales, 1,187; Scotland, 1,187; Ireland, 209; Gibraltar, 5; Malta, 4; Holland and Luxemburg, 46; Belgium, 15; Denmark, 7; Sweden and Norway, 18; France, 287; Spain, about 100; Portugal, 22; Italy, 110; Greece, 10; Turkey, 26; Egypt, 28; Tunis, 2; Algeria, 11; Morocco, 2; the west Indies, 11; the Azores, 1; the Cape Verde Islands, 15.

st of Africa, 11; African islands, 20;  
Cape, 61; Arabia (Aden), 1; India,  
1; Indian islands, 16; China, 13; Ja-  
n, 5; Australian islands, 4; Austr-  
229; New Zealand, 84; United States,  
94; Canada, 335; Cuba, 30; Hayti,  
West India islands, 65; Mexico, 13;  
razil, 256, and other States in South  
merica, 179—a total of about 15,000

iges. The number of Free Masons is  
out 5,000,000.











